

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for registering complaints against communication initiators, the method comprising:
 - (a) receiving a signaling message from a communication initiator relating to a communication from the communication initiator;
 - (b) extracting a calling party identifier from the signaling message and determining whether the communication is from a communication initiator with whom an intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate;
 - (c) in response to determining that the communication is from a communication initiator with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate, automatically generating, from a user communications terminal or a service switching point (SSP), a complaint registration message identifying the communication initiator using the calling party identifier extracted from the signaling message and transmitting the complaint registration message over a data network;wherein step (b) includes providing a complaint registration application comprising at least one of hardware and software for determining whether the communication is from a communication initiator with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate based on a trigger initiated by the intended communication recipient; and

wherein step (c) includes providing a complaint message generator, the complaint message generator comprising at least one of hardware and software for generating the complaint registration message in response to the determination that the communication is from a communication initiator with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate and transmitting the complaint registration message over the data network.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication comprises a short message service (SMS) message.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication comprises a voice telephone call.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the communication comprises a facsimile message.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the calling party identifier extracted from the signaling message comprises a telephone number for the communication initiator.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the signaling message comprises a mobile call signaling message and wherein the calling party identifier comprises a mobile identification number for the communication initiator.
- 8-14. (Canceled)
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 comprising, in response to receiving the signaling message, notifying the communication initiator that no further communication with the intended communication recipient is to be

attempted, wherein notifying the communication initiator that no further communication with the intended communication recipient is to be attempted includes providing a recorded message buffer comprising at least one of a hardware, software, and firmware for playing a pre-recorded message to the communication initiator that no further communication with the intended communication recipient is to be attempted.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 including notifying the communication initiator that the complaint registration message is being sent to a complaint registration database.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving a signaling message from a communication initiator includes receiving a session initiation protocol (SIP) message at a SIP phone.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the SIP message comprises an Invite message.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein extracting a parameter from the signaling message includes extracting a parameter from the From field of the Invite message for identifying the communication initiator.
20. (Previously Presented) A method for automatically generating a complaint registration message in response to receiving a signaling message relating to a communication from a communication initiator with whom communication is not desired, the method comprising:

at a user communications terminal associated with a communication recipient:

- (a) receiving a signaling message from a communication initiator relating to a communication from the initiator;
- (b) determining, based on a calling party identifier in the signaling message, whether the communication initiator has previously been notified not to initiate communications with the communication recipient; and
- (c) in response to determining that the communication initiator has been previously notified not to initiate communications with the communication recipient, automatically generating, based on the signaling message, a complaint registration message including the calling party identifier and transmitting the complaint registration message over a data network;

wherein step (b) includes providing a blocking table listing calling party identifiers of communication initiators who have been previously notified not to initiate communications with the communication recipient and a complaint registration application comprising at least one of hardware and software residing on the user communications terminal for determining whether the communication initiator has been previously notified not to initiate communications with the communication recipient based on the presence of the calling party identifier in the blocking table; and

wherein step (c) includes providing a complaint message generator comprising at least one of hardware and software residing on the user communications terminal for automatically generating the complaint registration message in response to the determination that the communication initiator has been previously notified not to

initiate communications with the communication recipient and transmitting the complaint registration message over the data network.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20 comprising, at a complaint registration server, receiving the complaint registration message, performing a lookup in a complaint registration database using the identifying information from the complaint registration message to determine whether the communication initiator is a repeat offender.
22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 comprising, at the complaint registration server, in response to determining that the communication initiator is a repeat offender, generating a violation message and transmitting the violation message to an enforcement authority.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein receiving a signaling message at a communication recipient terminal includes receiving a session initiation protocol (SIP) message at a SIP phone.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein generating the complaint registration message comprises generating the complaint registration message at the SIP phone.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the SIP message comprises an Invite message and the parameter is a calling party identifier in a From field of the Invite message.
26. (Previously Presented) A system for registering a complaint against a communications initiator, the system comprising:

- (a) a communications terminal adapted to receive communications and signaling messages associated with the communications from communications initiators, wherein the communications terminal is adapted to determine whether the communication is from a communications initiator with whom an intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate, and wherein, in response to determining that the communication is from a communications initiator with whom an intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate, the communication terminal is adapted to generate and forward a complaint registration message over a data network, the complaint registration message including information extracted from one of the signaling messages for identifying the communications initiator; and
- (b) a complaint registration server operatively associated with the communications terminal for receiving and processing the complaint registration message;

wherein the communications terminal includes a complaint registration application comprising at least one of hardware and software for determining whether the communication is from a communications initiator with whom an intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate; and

wherein the communication terminal further includes a complaint message generator comprising at least one of hardware and software for automatically generating the complaint registration message and forwarding the complaint registration message over the data network.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the communication terminal comprises a session initiation protocol (SIP)-capable phone.
28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the communications terminal comprises a personal computer.
29. (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration message is based on information contained in a calling party call setup signaling message.
30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration message comprises a SIP message.
31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration server is adapted to generate a violation notification message.
32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31 wherein the complaint registration server is adapted to send the violation notification message to a third party.
33. (Original) The system of claim 32 wherein the third party is a government agency.
34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint message generator is adapted to generate a complaint registration message in response to a trigger initiated by the intended communication recipient.
35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the communications terminal includes a call blocking database that is adapted to store identification information related to a calling party that has been notified that communication with the intended communication recipient is not desired.
36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35 wherein the complaint message generator is adapted to generate the complaint registration message

automatically in response to determining that an entry exists for the calling party in the call blocking database.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving a signaling message includes receiving an IP telephony call signaling message.
38. (Canceled)
39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein receiving a signaling message includes receiving an IP telephony call signaling message.
40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein transmitting the complaint registration message over a data network includes sending the message to a complaint registration server storing previously-registered complaints indexed by at least one of called and calling party identifiers.
41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the communications terminal comprises an IP telephony communications terminal.
42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the complaint registration server is adapted to store previously registered complaints indexed by at least one of called and calling party identification information.
43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) is performed by the communications terminal.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) is performed by the SSP.
45. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising computer executable instructions embodied in a computer readable medium for performing steps comprising:

- (a) receiving a signaling message associated with a communication from a communications initiator;
- (b) extracting information for identifying the communications initiator from the signaling message;
- (c) performing a lookup in a table to determine whether to allow the communication to be completed;
- (d) in response to failing to locate an entry in the table, allowing the communication to be completed;
- (e) during progress of the communication, determining whether a manual trigger has been generated by a user communications terminal to which the communication is directed, the manual trigger identifying the communication as unwanted from the perspective of a communications recipient; and
- (f) in response to determining that a manual trigger has been generated by the user communications terminal, automatically generating a complaint registration message from at least one of the user communications terminal and a service switching point (SSP) with which the user communications terminal is currently associated, and transmitting the complaint registration message over a data network.

46-49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) A method for automatically registering complaints against communication initiators, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving a signaling message from a communication initiator relating to a communication from the communication initiator;
- (b) extracting a calling party identifier from the signaling message and determining whether the communication is from a communication initiator with whom an intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate; and
- (c) in response to determining that the communication is from a communication initiator with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate, automatically generating, from a user communications terminal or a service switching point (SSP), a complaint registration message identifying the communication initiator using the calling party identifier extracted from the signaling message and transmitting the complaint registration message over a data network;

wherein step (b) includes storing a blocking table including calling party identifiers identifying calling parties with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate and providing a complaint registration application comprising at least one of hardware and software for accessing the blocking table using the calling party identifier extracted from the signaling message to determine whether the communication is from a communication initiator with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate; and wherein step (c) includes providing a complaint message generator comprising at least one of hardware and software for generating the complaint registration message in response to the determination that the communication is from a

communication initiator with whom the intended communication recipient does not desire to communicate and transmitting the complaint registration message over a data network.